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BOX PATENT APPLICATION

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Express Mail No. EL054550261US

Re: Application of David ALUMOT, Gad NEUMANN, Rivka SHERMAN, and
Ehud TIROSH
OPTICAL INSPECTION METHOD AND APPARATUS
Our Ref: 002187 USA C03/PDC/WF/DB

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 09/298,501 (Confirmation No. 5857) filed April 23, 1999, of David ALUMOT, Gad NEUMANN, Rivka SHERMAN, and Ehud TIROSH entitled OPTICAL INSPECTION METHOD AND APPARATUS.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims, forty-one (41) sheets of informal drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. A Preliminary Amendment, a Submission of Formal Drawings, and an Information Disclosure Statement are also enclosed.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 2721.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentences: --This is a continuation of Application No. 09/298,501 (Confirmation No. 5857) filed April 23, 1999, which is a continuation of Application No. 08/984,558 filed December 3, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,982,921, which is a continuation of Application No. 07/790,871 filed November 12, 1991, now U.S. Patent No. 5,699,447. The disclosures of all of these are incorporated herein by reference.--

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Respectfully submitted,

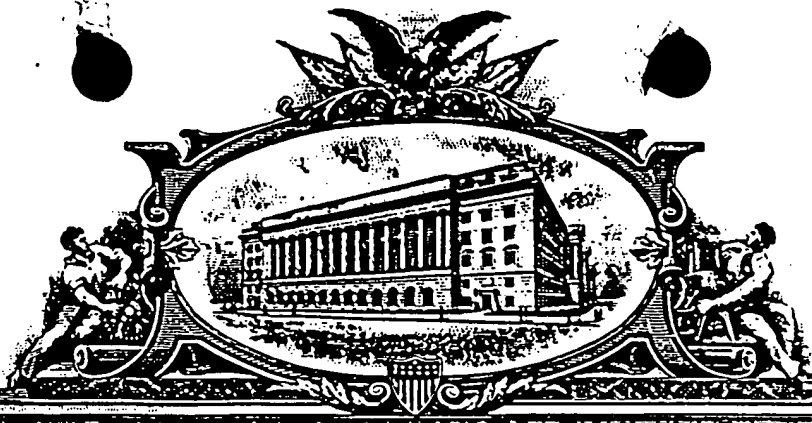
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SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

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Submitted herewith please find forty (40) sheets of formal drawings. The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge receipt of these formal drawings.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures:

1. PTO Transmittal Letter (original and 1 copy);
2. Application, including the specification (43 pages), claims 1-95 (pages 44-58), and the Abstract (page 59);
3. Informal Drawings (41 sheets; Figs. 1-49);
4. Preliminary Amendment;
5. Information Disclosure Statement w/Form PTO 1449;
6. Submission of Formal Drawings with 40 sheets of drawings (Figs. 1-49).

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